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For: DRIVING FORCE TRANSMISSION APPARATUS AND IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS USING THE SAME

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Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Please cancel both occurrences of claim 9 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein.

Please add new claims 16 and 17 as follows:

--17. The image forming apparatus according to claim 8, wherein said driving force transmission apparatus has an apparatus for transferring driving force from the drive source to a first image carrier and an apparatus for transferring driving force from said drive source to a second image carrier.--

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